

ATTACHMENT A
Amendments to the Claims

Following herewith is a complete listing of the claims, including a marked copy of the currently amended claims.

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1. (Currently Amended) A method of preparing a trace element solution, ~~which comprises said method consisting essentially of the steps of:~~
- (a) preparing a single solution comprising more than one EDTA-complex as a sodium salt in a single continuous process by using one selected from the group consisting of suspending either disodium EDTA and in water or suspending EDTA acid in water with sodium hydroxide, and adding a metal compound selected from the group consisting of metal oxides, metal hydroxides and metal carbonates to the EDTA solution to form the EDTA-complex; and
- (b) providing a adding sodium selenite to the solution of EDTA-complexes to form the trace element solution in which the molar ratio of selenium in the form of sodium selenite to the metal compounds to the EDTA complexes varies between 1:4.8:4.8 and 1:19:19; and
- ~~(c) combining the EDTA complexes and the sodium selenite solution.~~

Claim 2 (Previously Cancelled)

Claims 3-5 (Cancelled)

²/₅ (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, in which the EDTA-complexes comprise at least one of the metal-compounds cation components selected from the group consisting of copper, manganese, zinc, molybdenum and chromium.

³/₄ (Original) A trace element solution as prepared by a method as claimed in claim 1.

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Claim 8 (Cancelled)

⁴/₃ (Currently Amended) A trace element solution as claimed in claim ³/₁, which is an injectable solution.

⁵/₁₀ (Currently Amended) A trace element solution as claimed in claim ³/₁, which is a drenchable solution.

⁶/₁₁ (Currently Amended) A stock lick, which comprises a trace element solution as prepared by a method as claimed in claim 1.

(a) ~~more than one EDTA complex as a sodium salt prepared in a single continuous process by using disodium EDTA or EDTA acid with sodium hydroxide; and~~

(b) ~~selenium selenite.~~

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12. (Previously Amended) A method of providing trace elements to animals, such as livestock, which comprises the steps of preparing a trace element solution as claimed in claim 1, and of providing the solution in a suitable quantity to an animal.

13. (Canceled)